HUMAN PANTOMIME.

Certain Gestures Absolutely Identi-

fled With Certain Feelings. Certain gestures are absolutely identified with certain feelings. To shake one's fist is to threaten, to hold up one's finger is to warn. To indicate thought we place the tips of the fingers on the forehead to show concentrated attention we apply the whole hand. To rub the hands is everywhere a sign of joy, and to clap them a sign of enthusiasm. It would be easy to multiply examples. Affirmation, negation, repulsion are all indicated by motions that every one understands. It is the same, in quite as great a degree, with nationalities, in spite of the original diversity of the races that make them up. The mimetic character results at once from race,

from history and from climate, The gesture of the Englishman is fierce and harsh. He speaks briefly, brusquely. He is cold, positive, forceful. His salutation is cold and accentuated, but his handshake is loyal. The gesture of Germany is heavy, good humored and always ungraceful. Many of the Slav people are unwilling to look one in the face, and they have a false gesture. The Spanlard and the Portuguese, although dwelling in a southern land, gesticulate little. Their language is rhythmic, slow, solemn; they are grave; their salutation is a little theatrical. The Italian is lively, mobile, intelligent, gay. His language is harmonious, sonorous, warm and luminous, like his country's sky. The salutation of the Italian is quick and full of feeling, his gesture colored and exaggerated.-London Answers.

The Coffee Cup In Persin,

The expression "to give a cup of coffee" has in Persia a somewhat ominous significance. This is due to the fact that the coffee cup is one recognized medium for conveying poison. Some years ago the governor of Aspadana, having long been at daggers drawn with the chief of a powerful mountain tribe, determined in this way to put an end to all trouble. He professed to entertain a great degree of friendship and esteem for the chieftain and invited him to visit him at his palace. The chief unsuspiciously came, accompanied by his two young sons. For a week they were royally entertained. But at last one morning when the chief came into his host's presence he was coldly received, and an attendant soon stepped forward with a single cup of coffee in his hand, which he offered to the guest. The latter could not fall to understand that he was doomed. Preferring, however, steel to poison, he declined the cup and was thereupon, at a signal from his bost, stabbed to death.

When Men Were Branded.

A curious relic of bygone times, probably the only one in England, still stands at Lancaster castle. It is a strong iron holdfast, into which the prisoner who in olden time had been sentenced to be branded as a malefactor had his hand thrust and locked. The branding fron, after being made red hot at the end, was pressed against the "brawne of the thumb," and on being withdrawn the letter M branded on the unfortunate prisoner's flesh indicated from henceforward that he was a malefactor. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the judge and jury and in open court, and the brander invariably turned to the judge after he had done his work and exclaimed, "A fair mark, my lord!" It is 100 years since the instrument was last used on two men sentenced to imprisonment for manslaughter.

East Indian Monkeys.

A naturalist who has traveled in the East Indies says: "The effect on the monkeys of man's appearance is most interesting. The expression of their emotions is certainly almost human as they sit and stare at him, coughing and snarling with anger and contempt, drawing back their heads and throwing the hand before the face with a gesture of abhorrence and other movements indicative of shocked and outraged feelings. But predominant is the expression of absolute horror, which, coming from those we consider our still degraded cousins, is to our superiority very aggravating."

Analysis of a Tear.

The chief element in the composition of a tear is water, but with water are associated minute proportions of salt, soda, phosphate of lime, phosphate of soda and mucus, and when seen under the microscope a tear after evaporation looks like a very small fish bone, owing to the salines forming themselves into lengthened cross lines.

Perfect Work Assured. Fuddy-Come, now, what would you propose to bring about an ideal state of

things? Duddy-Nothing easier, my friend. I'd just put everybody at work upon somebody else's job, and then of course every kind of work would be done perfectly.-Boston Transcript.

Light Work,

"My brother Jakey's got a new job." "Where's he working?" "Down to the electric light plant."

"Picking currents off the wires?" "Yes. How did you guess? He says he likes the job. It's such light work." -Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

To Avoid Confusion.

The Stranger-And so you are named George Washington, the same as our distinguished president?

The Colored Porter-Yans, suh; but I has a different birfday, suh.-Brooklyn

Some people are like a river. The only way they can attract attention is by going on a rampage.-Atchison Globe.

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A Delicate Job That the Thief Could

Not Resist Doing. We have cut society too much on the square. Perpendicular and horizontal divisions. The relationship of Raphael done at these very social gatherings with a pickpocket I talked to once is more intimate essentially than it is news is usually there obtainable only. with some makers of "pictures" and Statesmen and diplomats, generals and molders of "statuary." The thirf had admirals, lenders of thought and action, been arrested because, having obtained the foremost men of business and the permission to live in New York pro- indefatigable promoters of great new caught stealing a watch.

"Why did you do it?" I asked him, "Well, I'll tell you," he said. "I simply couldn't help it. I'm no kleptomaninc. It isn't the stealing I like, but the fun of doing a hard job prettily. This was like this: I saw a rich, fat man in was hung in a new way, hard to break. My fingers itched, not for the watch, but to break it off. I moved up, lifted the watch, walked away with it and then went back and hung the thing on the chain again. This second time something like that. I saw a delicate job, tried it, got the watch, and just then the fellow happened to look for the time. He 'hollered,' and a detective near by pinched me. I don't think I'm what you'd call a natural thief, but I like to work with my fingers, and I like the excitement of stealing."-McClure's,

Frederick the Great.

In the course of some military evolutions Frederick the Great of Prussia, irritated by some mistake of a captain, ran after him with his stick in order to strike him. The captain ran away. The next morning the commanding officer reported to the king that the officer in question, one of the most efficient in the regiment, had sent in his papers. "Tell him to come to me," said the king. The officer, in great perturbation, came. "Good morning. major," he apostrophized the officer, who was speechless with surprise. "I wanted to tell you of your promotion, but you ran so fast I could not catch you up. Good morning."

Another time an officer attempted to get a comrade into bad odor with the king by teiling his majesty that be was a drunkard. In a subsequent battle the latter's fitness was conspicuous, whereas his slanderer played a very poor part. When afterward he defiled past the king at the head of his regiment, his majesty called out to him in voice of thunder, "The sooner you take to drink the better."

Leaving out of count the great circuses of Rome and Antioch and coming down to something of modern times, the first circus in England was on a footpath known as Halfpenny Hatch, in the Waterloo road, London, There, in 1770, Astley's first performance was given, with the aid of a drum, two fifes and one clown. A charge of sixpence was made for the front standing places, There was no building and not even a tent, but merely a ring of ropes and stakes. Primitive as were the arrangements Astley soon attracted good audiences and was able to add to his programme conjuring, transparencies, vaulting and tumbling, with displays of fireworks. In course of time he was able to hire an inclosed ground and erected seats under a substantial roof. He caffed the place Astley's Amphitheater Riding house.

A Hearty Enter.

In a book on gastronomy appears this anecdote of the gastronomic prowess of a Swiss guard in the employ ment of the Marechal de Villars: "One day the guard was sent for by the marechal, who had heard of his enormous appetite. 'How many sirloins of beef can you eat?' he tentatively asked. 'Ah, monseigneur, for me I don't require many-five or six at the most." 'And how many legs of mutton?' 'Legs of mutton? Not many-seven or eight." 'And fat pullets?' Oh, as to pullets, only a few-a dozen.' 'And of pigeons? 'As to pigeons, monseigneur, not many-forty, perhaps fifty.' 'And larks? 'Larks, monseigneur? Always."

Family Relations. "Who is that man you were just

talking with?" "That's my brother-in-law." "He looks enough like you to be your

own brother." "He is my own brother. We are

"Twins? Then why did you say he was your brother-in-law?" "Because he is. I have three brothers-one in law, one in medicine and one in the army."-Minneapolis Trib-

Hero Worship.

une.

Burns!"

"It strikes me that Brimken deserves a great deal of credit."

"He never impressed me as a brainy man. "That's just the point. When a man with so little brains as Brimken has managed to be so prosperous, I can't

help feeling that he must possess some

great and mysterious superiority."-

Washington Star.

The Only One. An American tourist who called on Robert Burns' widow, Jean Armour, a few years after his death had the nudacity to ask her, "Can you show me any relies of the poet?" "Sir," answered the old lady, with majestic dignity, "I am the only relict of Robert

Plain Talk.

The Miserly Traveler-Be careful with that trunk, you vagabond! I wouldn't have it fall for 10 shillings. The Porter-I doubt not, but a shilling in time might save nine.-London Express.

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The life of the American correspondent on the continent of Europe is a life interesting and fascinating enough in its way, and it broadens the mental horizon as perhaps no other occupation does. But it is a nerve destroying life, a life in which there is senreely a minute he can call his very own. Every day in the year it spurs its slave on to utmost exertion. It barely pays expenses, and it necessitates constant outlays in time and money which cannot be put down in the expense account and which are a drain on health and purse alike. Even under the most favorable circumstances the game is hardly worth the candle. To go to bed at 2 or 3, fagged out with never end-Ing excitement and toll; to be waked out of a sound sleep an hour later by a ring at the telephone or by inopportune cable inquiries from the home office; to dress hurriedly, take a cab to the nearest telegraph office and there wire a hasty reply; then to return and seek a few hours of fitful sleep and to rise morning after morning unrefreshed, with never repose for body and soul-all this is neither conducive to longevity nor to a quiet and con-

Some Visual Measurements.

tented mind.-World's Work.

"When I watch a new building going up day by day from foundation to flagstaff," said the city salesman, "I get so muddled by the time it is completed that I cannot tell for the life of me whether it is fifty feet wide or 500 feet. So far as mere visual measurements go, the size varies so much in the course of construction that confusion is unavoidable. When the excavation for the foundation is in order, the hole in the ground seems so enor mous that I could take outh it covers a ten acre lot. After the steel framework goes up the building shrinks amazingly, and I say to myself: 'Well that isn't going to be such a blg affair after all. How could my eyes have deceived me so when looking at the excavation?' But when the walls are finished and the windows in and the decorations all stuck in place the whole building swells out again prodigiously."-New York Times.

Some Foreign Coins. The franc was formerly called livre (pound), though the connection with any special weight is not evident. The name of the German coin, mark, meaning a weight of eight ounces, was formerly in general use in Europe. The name of the Italian coin that corresponds with the franc (lira) also means pound. The coins in present use in Spain have their names from other

The five peseta piece, which corresponds with the American dollar, is called escudo (shield). "Peseta," the name of the small coin representing the moretary standard, means simply "little piece." "Ruble" is from the word meaning "to cut," and was so called because originally the coin was made with an ornamental edge,

Highest Cross In the World.

The highest cross in the world is said to be that which caps the loftiest peak of the Harz mountains. The cross is in reality a tower, and it commands a magnificent view of the country around. The height of the tower is 120 feet, and it stands on a mountain 1,731 feet above the sea level. A stair of 200 steps leads to the top of the cross, but there is an elevator, of which the people avail themselves who for any reason wish to avoid the long climb.

The Language of the Turf. "Couldn't you get your money down on that race?"

"No." "What was the trouble." "I pronounced the name of the horse correctly and the bookmaker couldn't understand me."-Washington Star.

Pretty Decent Husband. "But you say her marriage to young Highroller turned out better than was

expected?" "Much better. He hadn't spent more than half her money when they separated."-Brooklyn Life.

The Artist's Alm. Friend-But-er-what's the idea of the work? I don't quite grasp it. Artist-The idea is to sell it.-Chica-

go News.

Mr. Joseph Pominville, of Stiilwater Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, thout relief, was advised by his druggist, Mr. Alex. Richards, to tryla box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is a well man to-day, If troubled with indigestion, bad taste in the mouth, lack of appetite or consti-pation, give these Tablets a trial, and you are certain to be more than pleased with the result. For sale at 25 cents per box by Dr. Dunn, Tionesta, W. G. Wilkins, West Hickory.

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Sir Edwin Landseer's Experience

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dog fanciers was large, and he summoned to his ald one Jem Smith, who he thought might put him on the right track. He showed the man the picture and the bank note and promised that if the dog were restored no questions should be asked. Six weeks later Smith arrived at the studio leading the missing dog by a piece of string. "Here is your £10," said the artist, "and I suppose I must ask no questions. But now that the affair is done with you may just as well tell me about it."

After a moment of besitation the man confessed that he himself was the thief. "You, you thundering rascal!" exclaimed Sir Edwin. "Then why on earth have you kept us in suspense all this time?" "Well, you see, gov'ner," was the answer, "I stole the dorg, but the gen'leman I sold him to kep' 'im so jolly close that I hadn't a chance of nicking him again till yesterday, and that's the truth, s'elp me."

The Power of Thought.

Beware of what you think, for what you think, quite as much as what you do, molds your character. Wrong acts persisted in will wreck any life, but wrong thoughts have just as sure an effect. It not infrequently happens that people who live fairly good lives so far as their actions go do not feel it necessary to set so close a guard on their thoughts. These are hidden, and of what harm is it to occasionally cherish a vulgar thought if one does not allow it to escape in action? Of what harm to bate if one does not show it? To imagine oneself committing wrong acts if one does not actually commit them? But the laws of life say that every thought affects the whole being. As a man's heart is, so will be be Evil thoughts gradually undermine the character, and some day these thoughts will burst into action which is irremediable.-Woman's HomeCompanion.

Signs of Death. Of course the various physical phe nomena which usually accompany the act of dying vary considerably in the

early stages with the causes which are

producing death. To one schooled in death scenes the physiognomy which the grim destroyer Among the many signs of death that are unmistakable are the failing pulse, the coldness of the extremities, the change in the countenance as the venous blood courses the arteries, the skin grows clammy as the various vessels refuse to longer perform their functhe eyes glaze, the jaw drops, fluid accumulates in the windpipe, causing the "death rattle," and finally

the breathing ceases altogether.

Shaping the Verdict. In a book on life in the Sierra Nevada mountains Clarence King tells of a cowboy trial of a Mexican on a charge of horse stealing. A jury was gathered in the street, showed into a room, and some time later a dozen fellows burst in demanding the verdict. "Not guilty," answered the foreman, With volleyed oaths and ominous laying of hands on pistol hilts the boys slammed the door with, "You'll have to do better than that!" In half an hour the advocate gently opened the door again. "Your opinion, gentlemen?" "Guilty!" "Correct! You can come out. We hanged him an hour ago."

Buddhist Prayer Wheels. In the sacred city of Ourga, the headquarters of Mongolian Buddhism, are numerous 'prayer wheels," inscribed with prayers and dedications to Buddha, and the more they are turned the more religious they make you, Many of the more devout persons turn small er wheels held in the left hand while manipulating the large one with the right hand. Curious bits of rags flying above the palisades of the inclosures of the town are "prayer flags." No Mongolian house is without themthe more the better-for each one is

Don't Know Too Much.

supposed to convey a prayer to Bud-

There is nothing else a man so much needs as the ability to "make up his mind." Men who have crowded their minds have a great difficulty in "making them up," and indecision is the fatal consequence. He who knows a little and knows how to apply it is more fortunate than those with a superior culture which paralyzes their action .-Boston Globe.

The Observant Youth. The pompous new resident had been having a set-to with the smart boy of

the neighborhood. This was the youngster's parting shot: "Aw, you don't need t' think you're no whole legislacher jist becoz everybody's al'ays presentin' bills to you!"-

Baltimore American. No Cause For Marm. Insurance Agent-Now that you have a wife, don't you think you ought to

take out a life policy? New Wed-Ob, I guess not! I don't think she is going to prove dangerous. Chicago News,

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Watch Your Shoulders,

When standing before a looking glass, notice if your shoulders are the same height. Generally the right is higher than the left. The reason for this unevenness lies in the way one sits. You get into a comfortable chair at your desk, and at once you rest your right desk, thus throwing one shoulder higher than the other. This is especially the case where one writes a great deal, When you notice that one shoulder is higher than the other, the thing to do is to change your way of sitting at your desk. Two simple exercises will be beneficial. The arm of the lower shoulder should be extended anward, the hand grasping a dumbbell. That of the higher shoulder should be lowered and made to support a heavy weight.

English Brass.

The composition of English brass is about seventy parts of copper and thirty of zinc. "Prince Rupert's metal" contains 75 to 80 per cent of copper and on account of its golden color is employed to some extent in lewelry,

The kind of brass called tombac contains still more copper, nearly eightyfive parts in a hundred. It is the alloy used for the manufacture of what is called Dutch metal, an imitation of gold leaf. It can be rolled into sheets, and these can be beaten out till they are only fifty-three thousandths of an inch in thickness.-Chambers' Journal.

Two Sides to It.

Wife-It's bateful of you not to give me the bonnet I want. Ab, me! If you only knew how much I have to put up with!

Husband-Huh! If you only knew how little I have to put up with, you wouldn't ask me to put up for a bonnet. -Philadelphia Press.

Scribbler-Would you call yourself a poet or simply a versifier? Scrawler-Well, when the editor lights his pipe with my stuff it's a case of

verse afire. -Philadelphia Record.

Runs Itself.

"Got a talking machine at home?" "What did you pay for it?"

"Nothing; married it."-London Tit-

Mosquitoes are so numerous near the coast of Perneo that the streams of that region are in summer often unnavigable.

The Oriole and the Bee. Birds, their heads being small, are usually regarded as stupid, but an amateur naturalist pointed out the other day a proof that the Baltimore oriole | RELIABLE" at least is very intelligent. "Take the oriole's hubitet in the summer." he said, "and all around it you will find presents is one not easily mistaken. the decapitated bodies of bees. The oriole is fond of honey, and he has discovered somehow that the bee carries honey in a sac. Accordingly he rushes down on the insect, snips off its head, removes its viscera and then swallows the honey that is now laid bare. This shows intelligence on the oriole's part, but I have not yet described the thing which shows the bird's reasoning power most strongly. It is only the stingless male, white headed bees that the oriole slays. The stinging bees he leaves alone wisely." - Philadelphia

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